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RELEASE OF COSTING OF ELECTION COMMITMENT

The Secretary to the Department of Finance and Deregulation today released the following election commitment costing under the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*:

Response to the Building the Education Revolution Implementation Taskforce Interim Report as announced by the Government.

This costing was completed consistent with the *Charter of Budget Honesty: Costing Election Commitments* guidelines which are available on www.electioncostings.gov.au.
A copy of the completed costing is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Tune'.

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PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2010 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Summary of costing: The Australian Labor Party would support the development and housing of a database on the cost of Building the Education Revolution (BER) projects. The database would be housed at a university, which would be selected through an open tender process.

The proposal responds to Recommendation 9 of the BER Implementation Taskforce Interim Report.

Person making the request: Prime Minister

Date of request: 13 August 2010

Name of policy to be costed: Response to BER Implementation Taskforce Interim Report

Date of public release of policy: 6 August 2010

Costing request provided by the Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition: Prime Minister

Additional information requested (including date): N/A

Additional information received (including date): N/A

Financial implications (outturn prices)^(a)

Impact on	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.

Where relevant, state that the proposal has been costed as a defined or specified amount.

An amount of up to \$3.0 million for supporting the development and housing of the database has been specified in the costing request of 13 August 2010.

Where relevant, include separate identification of revenue and expense components.

Not applicable.

Where appropriate, include a range for the costing or sensitivity analysis.

Not applicable.

Qualifications to the costing (including reasons for the costing not being comprehensive).

Not applicable.

Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.

Departmental costs would be fully absorbed by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Where relevant, explain the reason for any significant differences between the assumptions specified in a party costing request and those used in a Treasury or Finance costing.

Not applicable.

Other comments (including reasons for significant differences between the estimated impact on the fiscal and underlying cash balances).

Not applicable.

Background information

Costing methodology used:

Up to \$3.0 million would be committed to support the development and housing of the database. These costs would be fully absorbed by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio as specified in the costing request.

As the BER Implementation Taskforce has built and populated the database and will continue developing and maintaining the database in 2010-11, Finance considers \$3.0 million would be sufficient for a university to take over maintenance of the database until the end of 2011-12, consistent with the costing request of 13 August 2010.

The university to house the database long-term would be selected through an open tender process.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.